GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether irrigation projects such as Janjhvathi Velingonda, Hyderabad Water Supply of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Union Government since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Janjhavati Irrigation Project of Andhra Pradesh was considered by Advisory Committee on 28.03.81 in its 16th meeting and the same was deferred because concurrence of Orissa for submergence in their territory was not obtained by Government of Andhra Pradesh. Compliance to the above was not received and the project was finally sent back to Government of Andhra Pradesh in April, 1987.

The Velligonda Irrigation Project Report was received in Central Water Commission (CWC) in March, 1996.The project was examined by the Screening Committee of CWC and not found suitable fordetailed examination because availability of water had not been established. The project was sent back to the State Government in November, 1996.

(b) The Project Report of Second Hyderabad Urban WaterSupply and Sanitation Project was received in CWC in May,1998. The same was examined and comments of CWC on the inter-state aspects weresent to State Government in July, 1998, the replies to these have been received in September, 2001. The replies indicate that the additional utilization of 3.30 TMC, over and above the committed utilization of 3.90 TMC of Krishna waters is proposed to be met from the quantity of 10.70 TMC of water saved due to reduction in evaporation losses from the Srisailam Reservoir of Andhra Pradesh. However, keeping in view the award of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT), the claim of Government of Maharashtra on the augmented waters in Krishna and also since according to the Government of Karnataka the entire gamut of issues connected with construction of Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) includingany scheme drawing water from SLBC, is before the Supreme Court, water availability for project has not yet been clearly established.

(c) Clearance of the projects is linked to the promptness with which the State Government complies with the outstanding observations of the various Central Appraising Agencies.